



THINK YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE? NOT SO MUCH



Voting is at the heart of democracy. Between 2000 and 2007 there were 9 possible instances of voting impersonation. (Protect the Vote). Yet there is a flurry of bills to restrict voting.

State governments across the country enacted an array of new laws that could make it significantly harder for as many as 5 million eligible Americans to vote.

Restrictions most heavily disenfranchise young voters, people of color, elderly, and low-income voters, as well

as voters with disabilities. Some states require voters to show government-issued photo identification, often of a type that as many as one in ten voters do not have. Other states have cut back on early voting, a hugely popular innovation used by millions of Americans. There are:

164 approximate number of laws introduced in states that would restrict U.S. Citizens from voting in the 2012 U.S. Election.— *Brennan Center for Justice*

21 new voter suppression laws and two new executive actions have passed since the beginning of 2011.— *Brennan Center for Justice*

65 bills are still pending, and at least **78** more were introduced but failed to pass since the beginning of 2011.— *Brennan Center for Justice*

Instead of making voting more difficult, we should be working to improve actual flaws in our electoral system. We should look to take the politics out of election administration, so that it is once again about making voting work, rather than keeping people from the polls.

Come to the Forum, **MY VOTE COUNTS**, for a discussion of these issues. See information below.

My Vote Counts –

Southwest Ohio: A Look at Voter's Rights in our Region

Wednesday, April 18, 10am – 3pm

\$25 to attend, \$10 for lunch only. To register or get more information, visit

www.lwvcincinnati.org/myvotecounts.

Sponsored by The LWVCA and Common Cause Ohio

Location and Parking: The event will be held at The Taft Center at Fountain Square (on the 2nd Floor US Bank Building) at 425 Walnut St., in downtown Cincinnati. For directions and parking information, [click here](#).

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Campaign and election reforms continue to be issues near the top of AIR's agenda. Democracy cannot be taken for granted, and AIR works with the League of Women Voters, Common Cause, and other organizations to educate citizens about initiatives currently underway to renew the health of the political process. We call your attention to an upcoming seminar in Cincinnati that will focus on informing citizens about these new obstacles and how to protect the right to vote. In the months ahead, "AIR Time" will keep you posted about these critical issues.

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